

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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MARCH 3, 1845.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. ATHERTON made the following

**REPORT:**

[To accompany bill H. R. 562.]

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom the bill for the relief of Francis Summeraner was referred, report :*

A bill for the relief of the petitioner was before the Committee on Pensions at the last session of Congress. The committee adopt and concur in that report : Wherefore,

*Resolved,* That the bill be indefinitely postponed.

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IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES, JUNE 11, 1844.

Mr. ATHERTON made the following report :

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred a bill from the House of Representatives entitled "An act for the relief of Francis Summeraner," make the following report :*

The report from the Committee on Invalid Pensions of the House states, that while the petitioner was at Sackett's Harbor, "in the line of his duty as a private soldier, he was attacked with ague and fever, and while thus afflicted, to wit, in the month of October, 1839, he was obliged to go on guard, and while thus standing guard there came up a rain, which wet petitioner, and threw him into fits immediately," &c. The petition states the fact of the petitioner having been exposed to rain, when ordered on guard in a feeble condition ; but if there be any evidence to show that fact, it has escaped the notice of your committee. The result of the evidence is, in the opinion of the committee, to prove that the petitioner was seized with a severe epileptic fit when on guard, and that he is now afflicted with a chronic rheumatism. It does not appear that his present disability results from any accident or even exposure in the line of his duty. The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved,* That the bill entitled "An act for the relief of Francis Summeraner" be indefinitely postponed.

